TG Sets for River Bed Power House in Sardar Sarovar Project

1392. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on Sardar Sarovar Project was delayed due to non-availability of Overseas Cooperation Economic Fund (OCEF) loan procurement of Turbo Generator sets for River Bed Power House;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Gujarat Government had requested Government for additional Central assistance for import of TG sets from Japan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The non-availability of, Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) Loan for procurement of Turbo Generator sets for River Bed Power House of Sardar Sarovar Project was one of the contributory factors for delay in the construction work of Sardar Sarovar Project.

(b) After detailed negotiations and Project appraisal, a Loan agreement IDP 33 was signed between Government of India and OECF-Japan on 25.11.85. A fixed price contract for an amount of Yen 24.64 billion plus Rs. 35.51 crores (Indian component) was consequently signed with M/s Sumitomo Corporation Limited, Japan in August, 1987 for supply of 6 × 200 Mega Watt Turbo Generator sets under this Loan by Government of Gujarat. However, due to objections raised in Japan on Environmental and Resettlement and Rehabilitation issues, OECF suspended the Loan assistance after release of first slice of 10% advance payment of Yen 2.85 billion. In the absence of OECF loan, it was not possible to get the Letter of Credit released and arrange import of TG sets.

(c) and (d) The additional Central Assistance (ACA) under Plan Budget of the State Government is provided within the framework of Gadgil formula and is not related to any specific project. Therefore, the request of Government of Gujarat for ACA for a specific purpose of import of TG sets was not considered by Government of India.

सिंचाई परियोजना के लिए धन का आबंटन

1393. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) प्रथम पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान, सिंचाई के लिए कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गयी थी और सिंचाई योग्य भूमि का क्षेत्रफल कितना था;

(ख) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान सिंचाई योग्य भूमि के क्षेत्रफल में काफी वृद्धि हुई है;

(ग) क्या सिंचाई से संबंधित बजट आवंटन में वृद्धि करने के लिये सरकार का कोई प्रस्ताव है; और यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) क्रमशः पहली और आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान सिंचाई योग्य भूमि के लिये अब तक बजटीय आवंटनों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल): (क) पहली पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान, वृहद, मध्यम और लघु सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के जरिए सिंचाई क्षमता के सृजन पर केन्द्रीय और राज्य बजट से 441.86 करोड़ रुपए व्यय किए गए और 3.66 मिलियन हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र सिंचाई के अंतर्गत लाया जा सका।

(ख) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान सिंचाई सुविधाओं के अंतर्गत लाया गया क्षेत्र 8.35 मिलियन हेक्टेयर (अनन्तिम) है।

(ग) और (घ) पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं के दौरान सिंचाई सुविधाओं के सृजन पर व्यय नियमित रूप से बढ़ रहा है जैसा कि नीचे तालिका में दिया गया है:—

पंचवर्षीय योजना	व्यय (करोड़ रुपए में)	
पहली योजना	442	
दूसरी योजना	522	
तीसरी योजना	904	
चौथी योजना	1755	
पांचवीं योजना	3147	
छठी योजना	9348	
सातवीं योजना	14226	
आठवीं योजना	27662	(अनन्तिम)

New National water Policy

1394. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new National Water Policy aimed at ensuring equitable distribution of water amongst all the States and more effective and scientific management of water resources is on the anvil;

(b) if so, whether the views of the various State Governments would be sought for and duly considered before formulating the policy; and

(c) whether the said policy would make adequate safeguard against the reckless exploitation of ground water resources which harms the future of country's agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Nationl Water Policy was adopted by National Water Resources Council, under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, in 1987. The Policy is proposed to be reviewed and updated in the context of experiences gained during the last ten years of its implementation and emerging challenges. In this context, a revised/ updated National Water Policy has recently been finalised by the National Water Board (NWB) in its tenth meeting held on 29th October, 1998 for its further consideration and adoption by the National water Resources Council. In addition, a draft National Policy Guidelines for Water Allocation amongst States has also been finalised by the National Water Board for consideration of the National Water Resources Council.

(c) The draft revised/updated National Water Policy includes, inter-alis, adequte safeguards against over exploitation of ground water.

Central Assitance for Flood Control work in Tripura

1395. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government of Tripura has submitted a proposal for the assistance for flood control work on Indo-Bangladesh Border;

(b) if so, whether Government appreciate the need for these works to be taken up on urgent basis because of the erosion taking place on the Indian side; and

(c) whether Government would provide assistance to the Government of Tripura for these works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

12.00 Noon

REFERENCE TO THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, this day, the 10th December, 1998, marks the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Fifty years ago, for the first time, the international community got together and agreed on a framework for the enjoyment of human rights by every human being on this globe.